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SUBJ: CCC EMERGENCY ESCAPE

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1. EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS THAT CONCERNED PARTIES IN DEPT STUDY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF COMM CENTER. THE FACT THAT THE CENTER DOUBLES AS THE EMBASSY SAFE-HAVEN MAKES THIS PROBLEM MORE ACUTE AS THE RISK OF POSSIBLE FIRE WOULD INCREASE TEN FOLD DURING TIMES OF CRISIS.

2. THE CONSTRUCTION SYSTEM IN THE BUILDING I.E. CENTRAL WINING STAIECASE AROUND AN OPEN ELEVATOR SHAFT IS SUCH THAT SHOULD A FIRE BREAK OUT ON THE LOWER FLOORS OF THE BUILDING THE SHAFT WOULD BECOME A CHIMNEY THUS NEGATING USE OF THE STAIRS AS A POSSIBLE EVACUATION ROUTE FOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL ON UPPER FLOORS. FYI, THIS HAZARD ALSO CREATES EVACUATION PROBLEMS FOR OTHER FLOORS AND WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

3. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW THE PLANS OF RECOMMENDED EMERGENCY EXIT WITH JACOB'S LADDER AND APPROVE
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INSTALLATION PENDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE SECURE EVACUA-TION METHOD.
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